

other words, acetate of lime, wood alcohol and wood tar out of smoke. A brief description of the process may be interesting. The wood used for blast furnaces is first converted into charcoal. This is done by piling cords of closely rectangular brick kilns six feet long, sixteen feet wide, arched at the top. After these kilns are filled they are fired, and combustion proceeds until the whole mass has been reduced to charcoal. At these works 3,000 cords of wood are on fire all the time. All the smoke arising is drawn from the kilns by fan-blowers and forced into condensors, where 75 per cent is reduced to liquor form and the balance, being non-condensable, is forced under a large battery of boilers to generate steam for distilling the liquor and separating its valuable products from the water and other substances. The amount of liquor thus obtained is about ninety tons every twenty-four hours. This is first pumped into settling tanks and the tar precipitated and drawn off, amounting from twelve to fifteen barrels daily. The liquor is then mixed with the milk of lime, when the acetate acid unites with the lime, forming a neutral liquor. This passes into eight stills of 1,000 gallons each. Here the temperature is raised to a point that drives off the wood alcohol, and the balance, being non-condensable, is redistilled until it comes out 55 per cent, which is the commercial test required. The remaining liquor, which contains the acetate acid, is then evaporated in large pans 90x7 feet, 3 feet deep. Here it is boiled and skimmed. It is granulated, forming over the steam coils from a foot to one and one-half feet in depth. This is shoveled into cars, which carry it to the drying pans in a room 40x100 feet, with boiler floor, under which are placed large furnaces. The acetate is raked along the pans until dry, and is then put up in gunny sacks holding about 125 pounds, ready for shipment. The product of these works last year was 3,000,000 pounds of wood alcohol, 3,000,000 pounds of acetate of lime, and 4,000 barrels of wood tar—value, \$90,000. When we remember that this is all made from smoke, it demonstrates clearly what waste goes on daily in the consumption of fuel.

The iron furnace became the property, through various changes, of the Elk Rapids Iron company and today it is the proudest monument to American ingenuity and enterprise the world has ever seen. It is a fine example of scientific economy in manufacture. All through the business acumen and sagacity of Henry H. Noble.

Today Mr. Noble is three times a millionaire. He resides in a palatial home, situated upon an elevation in full view of Grand Traverse bay, of his broad acres of manufacturing plants and amidst the scenes he loves so well. He is a social and political power in the state in which he lives, and his name is a household word, or at least a name of respect, in all that wide and sagacious in finance. He is honored by his neighbors and friends who know him best, and respected of all the world.

Mr. Noble married his first wife, Miss Clara Sears, at Dexter, Mich., in 1847. Two daughters and a son survive their mother. Again, in 1870, he married Margaret E. Ewing, alias of Dexter. Edwin Sears and Charles Ewing Noble, two promising sons, are the offspring of this marriage. These young men are now at the State University at Ann Arbor. Though now 70 years of age, Mr. Noble is in the full vigor of his manhood, in possession of the full force of his undiminished mental and physical forces, and still closely engaged with the interests which his genius has made great.

H. H. Noble has been prominently identified with every important movement in Michigan for many years. The year he is chairman of the board of trustees of the Northern Michigan asylum for the insane.

With his wife, Mrs. Margaret Ewing Noble, one of the gentlest and noblest of her sex, Mr. Noble spends the active years of his advanced age in the full enjoyment of his well-earned honors and abundant wealth.

Elk Rapids Industries. Manufacturing at Elk Rapids at this time consists of a charcoal blast furnace making 20,000 to 25,000 tons of pig iron per year, consuming 30,000 cords of wood; a saw mill cutting 3,000,000 feet of hardwood lumber; and charcoal works for utilizing the smoke arising from the kilns during the process of burning the 30,000 cords of wood into charcoal, a roller process grist mill of 100 barrels capacity per day; a brick yard with steam machinery, capable of turning out 4,000,000 bricks, and a brewery of 5,000 barrels capacity. A feature of this locality is the possibility of making these lakes the finest summer resorts in the United States. No chain of lakes as extensive remains untouched. Land can be had from \$5 to \$10 per acre, and there are literally hundreds of places which nature has made beautiful, where clubs, hotels and private cottages can be erected. The lakes offer facilities at all times for small boating, secure from storms, and are extensive enough for yachts and steamers on as large a scale as the taste and means of the tourist may dictate. Torch lake, the third in the chain, is eighteen miles long and about three miles wide. With its high headlands jutting out, it is more like the upper Hudson than any other body of water in the United States. Elk lake, near Elk Rapids, and last in the chain, is nine miles long and two miles wide, and is almost the exact counterpart of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. None of these lakes have a particle of swamp or marsh about them, and the water is of remarkable purity. A gentleman assures me that he has tested a quart of a dollar at a depth of thirty feet in Torch lake, and could see it distinctly.

The summers are delightful, warm during the day, but never such a thing as a close, hot night. The shores of most of the lakes rise in three terraces—the lower having birch and elm; the second, balsam, pine, and other evergreens; and the higher, maple and beech. In autumn the white fringe of birch next the deep blue water, with a band of evergreen rising back of it, and surrounded with the glorious sunset rays which the maple foliage in this latitude long before has been frosted, makes a picture rarely seen elsewhere. Nearly all the streams entering these lakes and larger rivers are full of fish, muskellunge, salmon and other trout, and all other kinds of fish. At Elk Rapids more black bass on their annual journey to the upper lakes than at any point the writer has ever seen. The green bass is scarcely known—nearly per cent being the true black bass, which sportmen are beginning to recognize as the most gamey fish in fresh water.

Forestry at Elk Rapids. Besides the advantages to be derived from its situation at the foot of this system of inland lakes, Elk Rapids has a great advantage in its position as the terminus of the vast territory surrounding Grand Traverse bay, which is one of the most beautiful of all the bays on the great lakes. Old Mission is directly

across East bay, six miles distant. This is already noted for its great orchards of pears, apples, pines, etc., and well known for its abundance of game who visit every year. Fruits of all kinds are, both here and around the inland lakes, secure from early and late frosts. The entire shore of Lake Michigan, from Traverse City to Charlevoix, is destined to be the great fruit-producing portion of Michigan. Extensive orchards are to be found all along the shore and around the inland lakes, many of them old enough to demonstrate that fruit is "not a failure," at least in this locality. The advantage of transportation by the great lake is enjoyed by all the towns situated upon the bay. Elk Rapids alone shipped, in 1889, 107 cargoes of lumber, iron, acetate of lime, and wood alcohol, and received forty-eight cargoes of ore and fourteen of limestone. The country round about is producing a large surplus of wheat and other crops and with rail communication with the mining country—Lake Superior, a great outlet is had for everything a farmer can raise at more remunerative prices than can be obtained by shipping to southern markets. Farmers here find that the timber on their lands pays for both land and clearing it ready for crops. Perhaps no timber country besides this can offer such inducements; lands at \$15 per acre yielding sixty cords of wood worth \$84 on the bank of the lake nearest the point of cutting, and always salable for cash, make it possible for hundreds to obtain good homes at a little cost. The influence of the open water of Lake Michigan is felt for twenty miles from its shores in a temperature which precludes the possibility of loss of crops from early or late frosts. No need to go to far west, where a country lies at the door, and within a day's journey from Chicago or Detroit. There is untold wealth in the forest products and later in fruit and cereals.

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Another vast product is hemlock bark, and no such field for an extensive tannery can be found. If tannery can transport hemlock bark the whole length of Lake Michigan at a cost of three dollars per cord, and pile it in yards where rent is high, certainly equal capital and ability put into the business where the bark can be obtained and the whole freight and extra handling saved, must have a tremendous advantage. The party who abandoned this line of business, and turned to the base of supplies must in the nature of the case have all the odds in his favor. Buenos Ayres and other hides can be laid down nearly as cheap as at other points, and as one cargo will consume five cargoes of bark, it would seem folly to carry the bark to the hide instead of the hide to the bark. The iron works are located here for this very reason. It takes seven tons of wood to make one ton of pig iron, and they bring the ore to the mill in order to carry the bark to the furnace. A furnace situated alongside of an ore mine could not compete with one which had the timber at its door. Thus with a tannery.

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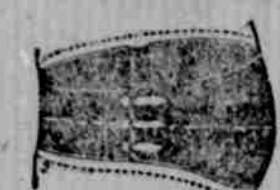
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